

# **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant**

## **Site Specific Advisory Board**

### **Informal Meeting Minutes**

***August 21, 1997***

The August 21, 1997, Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) meeting took place at Heath High School at 6:00 p.m.

The following board members were present: Nola Courtney, Mark Donham, Vicki Jones, Ronald Lamb, Bill Tanner and Gregory Waldrop. Ex Officio members present were: Carl Froede. Facilitator Present: Steve Kay. Also present were: Todd Adams, Carlos Alvarado, Jeannie Brandstetter, Bryan Clayton, Jeff Douthitt, Teresa Fields, Steve Hampson, Shelley Hawkins, Dennis Hill, Jimmy Massey, Wilson McGinn, John Morgan, Eric Mort, Teresa Perry, Myrna Redfield, Craig Rhodes and Jack Stickney.

The agenda was modified to allow the people from Oak Ridge giving a presentation on Budget Prioritization to give their presentation first.

The minutes from the July 17, 1997, meeting were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

The first item on the agenda was the Environmental Management and Enrichment Facilities (EMEF) updates. There were no comments or questions.

The next thing on the agenda was a presentation on Budget Prioritization by Teresa Perry from Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Operations (ORO) and Wilson McGinn, LMER OR. Handouts were presented to everyone. Questions were asked about public input to the scoring. Teresa stated that it was pretty much up to the board. The OR SSAB set up a prioritization committee. It was suggested that someone from Paducah get in touch with the OR SSAB to discuss their handling of the prioritization and budget. Greg Waldrop asked about the detailed pages that explain each ranking. Myrna Redfield said she would provide these to the board. Mark Donham asked for a breakdown on the waste at the plant. Jimmy Massey stated that this information is covered in the Site Treatment Plan. It was suggested that a special meeting be held to discuss commenting on the 2006 Accelerated Cleanup Discussion Draft and the disposition of the \$30,000 SSAB fiscal year (FY) 1997 funds. This meeting will be held on Thursday September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the DOE Site Office.

Shelley Hawkins presented everyone with three handouts on Public Participation in the Fiscal Year 1998 Environmental Management Budget and the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Document Management System Administrative Record Index on Waste Area Grouping (WAG) 6 and WAG 22 Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 7 and 30.

The next item for discussion was the Overview of the WAG 6 Work Plan. A handout was given. Bryan Clayton and Eric Mort discussed the latest developments on the WAG 6 project. Eric stated that it is still very early in the process.

The WAG 22 Remedial Investigation (RI) Report - Summary overview of SWMUs 7 and 30 was

discussed by Carlos Alvarado. He stated that due to the size of the report a summary was sent out. He also stated that anyone interested in receiving the entire report could receive one by asking. Jack Stickney asked if there were any elevated polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) levels found. Bob Pratt stated that the subsurface soil was generally clean except right up against the pits. He stated that the main concern is the surface. Elevated levels of uranium were found. It is possible that it is coming from Drum Mountain, which is on this site. Mark Donham asked if there were records of what was burned at C-747. Jimmy Massey stated that there are sketchy records at best. Mark asked about the beryllium that was found. He stated that it was the first time he had seen it and wanted to know if it was significant. Jimmy Massey stated that he did not know the source. It was stated that it had been detected before in WAGs 1&7.

The next item on the agenda was the Community Relations Plan. The deadline for public comment is September 26. It will be on the agenda for next month.

An update on Vortec was the next item on the agenda. Carlos stated that the litigation had been settled. DOE will do an Environmental Assessment (EA). There will be public participation on the EA. The 17 largest pieces of ordered pieces of equipment can be placed on the pad but not hooked together. Argonne National Laboratories is writing the EA.

The next item on the agenda was the letter to Representative Whitfield. Vicki Jones passed out copies of the draft letter for comment. It was suggested that the SSAB try to get someone to come to either the October or November meeting. The Internet address for the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill is <http://www.thomas.loc.gov/cp105/cp105query.html>. The bill number is 105-190.

Membership status was the next item for discussion. At the current time Nola Courtney had only received 3 of the 4 pending members information. If was decided to wait one week to get the last person's information, then Carlos would forward them on.

The next item on the agenda was the National Dialogue Workshop. The information was to be faxed to the contact by Friday August 22, 1997. Vicki Jones, Nola Courtney and Mark Donham were planning on attending. There is money in the budget to pay for the trip. On Saturday of the Workshop there will be a panel discussion on SSABs. They want to have at least one person present from every SSAB. It was suggested that the co-chairs consult with the rest of the people who are interested in going and decide between them who would participate on the panel.

Mark Donham stated that he had found someone who is an expert on air issues. Due to the lack of a quorum, it will be discussed again next month. There was some discussion on the money that is still available in this year's budget. The money will go back to Oak Ridge if it is not costed. Mark stated that he felt that the board had a responsibility to use this money for public participation. It was suggested that the budget be discussed at the next meeting. There are several administrative decisions that need to be made at the next meeting. These administrative decisions should be discussed regularly.

The next meeting will be held on September 18, 1997, at the Heath High School at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

**Tentative Agenda for the September 18, 1997, meeting:**

Minutes

Information (Handouts)

EMEF Project Updates

Review of the Community Relations Plan

Review of the SSAB Draft Work Plan

An update on the new members

Administrative Plans for the board

**Action Items**

Myrna Redfield will provide detailed pages that explain each ranking on budget prioritization